

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 26, 2006, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office notes that claims 41-45 submitted in Amendment C filed September 5, 2006 were filed without a proper status identifier. The Patent Office requires correction of the identifier for claims 41-45 from "(Allowed)" to "(Previously presented)".

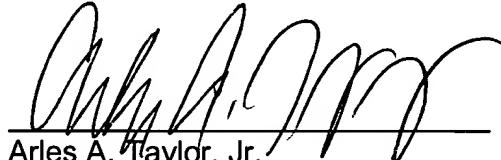
Applicants have amended the status identifier for claims 41-45 accordingly and submit herewith the complete text of the pending claims. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the Non-Compliant status of Amendment C and further request the revised amended claims be entered into the record and forwarded to the Examiner for consideration.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in connection with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. **50-0426**.

Respectfully submitted,

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